

Restriction.

SEC. 4. No sale shall be made hereunder to any applicant who has already acquired public land pursuant to the provisions of this Act, or to any applicant whose application is not filed within two years from the date of approval of this Act, or such shorter period as shall be specified by rule or regulation.

Definition.

SEC. 5. The term "predecessor in interest" includes any individual or individuals, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity, and in the case of an applicant who is a permittee under a revocable permit shall include such applicant occupying under a lease or a sublease immediately prior to the issuance of the revocable permit and the person from whom the applicant acquired such lease or sublease.

Approved August 24, 1954.

Public Law 640

CHAPTER 889

AN ACT

August 24, 1954
[H. R. 5997]

To enable the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds, the proceeds thereof to be used for veterans' mortgages.

Hawaii.
General obliga-
tion bonds.
31 Stat. 141.
48 USC 491.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii, any provision of the Hawaiian Organic Act, or any law of the Territory of Hawaii, or of any Act of this Congress to the contrary notwithstanding, may authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$20,000,000, such authorization to be over and above any limitation on the bonded debt of the Territory imposed by the Hawaiian Organic Act and in addition to all other issues in excess of said debt limitation authorized by the Congress: *Provided, however,* That the total indebtedness of such Territory shall not exceed \$95,000,000. The proceeds of such bonds shall be used for the purchase of mortgages made on or after July 1, 1954, or for the making of mortgages, on homes and farms of veterans within the Territory of Hawaii.

Limitation.

SEC. 2. The bonds issued under the authority of this Act shall be serial bonds, payable in substantially equal installments, the first installment to mature not later than five years and the last installment to mature not later than thirty years from the date of such issue. Such bonds may be issued without the approval of the President of the United States.

SEC. 3. Act 211 of the Session Laws of Hawaii 1953, relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds, as authorized by this Act, is hereby ratified and confirmed, subject, however, to the provisions of this Act.

Approved August 24, 1954.

Public Law 641

CHAPTER 890

AN ACT

August 24, 1954
[H. R. 6113]

To amend title 18 of the United States Code, so as to increase the penalties applicable to the smuggling of goods into the United States.

Smuggling penal-
ties.
62 Stat. 716.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 545 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking out "\$5,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$10,000", and by striking out "two years" and inserting in lieu thereof "five years".

SEC. 2. The amendments made by the first section of this Act shall apply only with respect to offenses committed on and after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Approved August 24, 1954.

Public Law 642

CHAPTER 891

AN ACT

Granting the consent and approval of Congress to an interstate forest fire protection compact.

August 24, 1954
[H. R. 6393]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent and approval of Congress is hereby given to any two or more of the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas to enter into the following compact relating to the prevention and control of forest fires in the South Central region of the United States.

South Central
Interstate Forest
Fire Protection
Compact.
Consent of Con-
gress.

The compact reads as follows:

"SOUTH CENTRAL INTERSTATE FOREST FIRE PROTECTION COMPACT

"ARTICLE I

"The purpose of this compact is to promote effective prevention and control of forest fires in the South Central region of the United States by the development of integrated forest fire plans, by the maintenance of adequate forest fire fighting services by the member states, by providing for mutual aid in fighting forest fires among the compacting states of the region and with states which are party to other Regional Forest Fire Protection compacts or agreements, and for more adequate forest development.

"ARTICLE II

"This compact shall become operative immediately as to those states ratifying it whenever any two or more of the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Texas which are contiguous have ratified it and Congress has given consent thereto. Any state not mentioned in this article which is contiguous with any member state may become a party to this compact, subject to approval by the legislature of each of the member states.

"ARTICLE III

"In each state, the state forester or officer holding the equivalent position who is responsible for forest fire control shall act as compact administrator for that state and shall consult with like officials of the other member states and shall implement cooperation between such states in forest fire prevention and control.

"The compact administrators of the member states shall organize to coordinate the services of the member states and provide administrative integration in carrying out the purposes of this compact.

"There shall be established an advisory committee of legislators, forestry commission representatives, and forestry or forest products industries representatives which shall meet from time to time with the compact administrators. Each member state shall name one member of the Senate and one member of the House of Representatives, and the Governor of each member state shall appoint one representative who shall be the chairman of the state forestry commission or comparable official and one representative who shall be associated with forestry or forest products industries to comprise the